

## ***FWP COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET***

**Meeting Date:** June 5, 2013

**Agenda Item:** 2013 Mountain Lion Quotas

**Division:** Wildlife

**Action Needed:** Approval of Final Rule

**Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation:** 20 minutes

**Background:** Hunting districts (HDs) below have proposed changes from 2012 quotas and subquotas. All other quotas/subquotas not listed are proposed to be unchanged from 2012 levels. Quotas apply to “any legal lion” unless otherwise noted and as influenced by female subquotas.

**PROPOSED ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2013** COMPARED WITH 2012 QUOTA LEVELS AND THE 2013 TENTATIVE ADOPTIONS

Watershed	Hunting District	Harvest Quota		Special Licenses						
		Female	Male							
			2012	2013 Tent.	2013 New	2012	2013 Tent.	2012	2013 Tent.	2013 New
Lower Clark Fork	200 & 201		10	9	12	10	9	20	18	21
	202 & 203		15	14	19	15	14	30	28	33
Bitterroot	204, 260 & 261		2	2	3	5	2	10	4	5
	240		3	2	3	5	2	10	4	5
	250		7	4	6	7	4	14	8	10
	270		7	4	6	7	4	14	8	10
Blackfoot	280, 281, 284 & 293		7	5	7	7	5	14	10	12
	283 & 285		8	5	7	8	5	16	10	12
	290, 291, 292, 293 & 298		7	4	6	7	5	14	9	11
Upper Clark Fork	210		0	0	0	7	3	7	3	3
	211 & 216		2	2	3	5	5	7	7	8
	212 & 215		0	0	0	6	6	6	6	6
	213 & 214		1	1	1	2	2	3	3	3
Totals			69	52	73	91	66	165	118	139

Region 6 - Increase the Region 6 except 680 & 690 quota from 3 to 4 with female subquota of 2

Region 7 - Increase the Region 7 quota from 30 to 35

**Public Involvement Process & Results:** Formal public comment ran through 5 p.m. Monday, May 20. FWP received 79 comments. The comments typically supported the proposals and were strongly in support of increased mountain lion quotas over most of Montana.

**Alternatives and Analysis:** Proposals may be adopted as proposed, with adjustment, or no change from 2012 as per staff justifications, public comment and/or commission discussion.

**Agency Recommendation & Rationale:** FWP recommends approval of proposed quota adjustments with no changes in other HDs. Rationale includes mountain lion population management accommodating human tolerance, safety, prey populations and hunter opportunity.

**Proposed Motion:** I move to adopt the proposed 2013 lion quotas/subquotas as presented by FWP.